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SUBJECT: UNCTAD: DRAFT RESOLUTION ON GENERALIZED PREFERENCES

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GROUP OF 77 (DEVELOPING) COUNTRIES TABLED APRIL 10 DRAFT OMNIBUS
RESOLUTION ON IMPLEMENTATION OF GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES
(TD/ B/ C.5/ L.4) AT UNCTAD SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PREFERENCES. SECTION
I RE US SCHEME EXPECTED BE CHANGED AFTER US TRADE BILL INTRODUCED.
FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF DRAFT RESOLUTION WHICH WILL BE CONSIDERED IN
CONTACT GROUP AFTERNOON APRIL 11. COMMENTS BY US DEL BEING
TRANSMITTED SEITEL.

QUOTE

RECALLING RESOLUTION 21(II), THE AGREED CONCLUSIONS OF THE
SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PREFERENCES ADOPTED BY THE TRADE AND DEVEL-
OPMENT BOARD IN RESOLUTION 75(XV), AND RESOLUTION 77(III);

NOTING WITH SERIOUS CONCERN THAT CERTAIN DEVELOPED COUNTRIES
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HAVE NOT YET FULFILLED THEIR COMMITMENTS TO INTRODUCE SCHEMES OF
GENERALIZED PREFERENCES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AGREED CONCLUSIONS;

NOTING THAT THE EXPERIENCE OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WITH THE PERATION OF THE SCHEMES OF GENERALINT THE VIEWS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES DIRECTLY CONCERNED AND SO AS NOT TO PREJUDICE THEM IN ANY WAY.

3. REAFFIRMS THAT IN THE EXPANSION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE GSP THE INTERESTS OF THOSE COUNTRIES ENJOYING SPECIAL PREFERENCES SHOULD BE TAKEN FULLY INTO ACCOUNT.
4. URGES THAT, AT THE SAME TIME, DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WHICH WILL BE SHARING THEIR EXISTING TARIFF ADVANTAGES IN SOME DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, AS A RESULT OF THE INTRODUCTION OF GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF THE PREFERENCES, WILL EXPECT THE NEW ACCESS IN OTHER DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO PROVIDE EXPORT OPPORTUNITIES AT LEAST TO COMPENSATE THEM. IN THE MEANTIME, THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES SHOULD CONTINUE.
5. REQUESTS THE SECGEN OF UNCTAD TO PREPARE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS THAT MAY FACILITATE THE CONSULTATION AND SOLUTION OF THESE PROBLEMS.

VI

1. URGES THE PREFERENCE- GIVING DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH RESOLUTION 62(III) AND WITH THE AGREED CONCLUSIONS

(A) TO IMPROVE THE SCHEME BY INCLUDING ON PRIORITY BASIS ALL EXPORT PRODUCTS OF THE LEAST- DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.

(B) TO EXEMPT THE PRODUCTS OF THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AMONG THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES FROM THE APPLICATION OF THE SAFE- GUARD AND ESCAPE CLAUSES AND CEILINGS.

2. URGES THE PREFERENCE- GIVING DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH RESOLUTION 63(III) AND WITH THE AGREED CONCLUSIONS

(A) TO IMPROVE THE SCHEME BY INCLUDING ON PRIORITY BASIS ALL EXPORT PRODUCTS OF THE LANDLOCKED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

(B) TO EXEMPT THE PRODUCTS OF THE LANDLOCKED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AMONG THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES FROM THE APPLICATION OF THE SAFEGUARD AND ESCAPE CLAUSES AND CEILINGS.

VII

DECIDES THAT:

(I) THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS TO BE HELD IN GATT MUST NOT REDUCE THE BENEFITS GRANTED UNDER THE GSP, AND, SHOULD THEY DO SO, APPROPRIATE ADJUSTMENT MACHINERY SHOULD BE PROVIDED IN ORDER TO ENSURE APPROPRIATE COMPENSATION FOR ANY LOSS SUFFERED AND TO BRING ABOUT A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN TRADE BENEFITS FOR THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

(II) TO THE EXTENT THAT THE ENLARGEMENT OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES AND THE PREFERENTIAL AGREEMENTS IN FORCE OR TO BE SIGNED ENTAIL A REDUCTION IN THE BENEFITS GRANTED UNDER THE GSP ADJUSTMENTS TO COMPENSATE FOR DIRECT OR INDIRECT LOSSES OF PREFERENTIAL UNCLASSIFIED

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MARGINS SHOULD THEREFORE BE MADE.

(III) MEASURES SHOULD BE ADOPTED TO ENSURE THAT THE BENEFITS DERIVED FROM PREFERENCES GRANTED IN THE VARIOUS SCHEMES ARE NOT ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY VARIATIONS IN EXCHANGE RATES OR, IN GENERAL, BY ANY ADVERSE CONSEQUENCES RESULTING FROM THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY SITUATION.

VIII

1. DECIDES THAT ALL NON- TARIFF BARRIERS IMPOSED ON PRODUCTS OF EXPORT INTEREST TO BENEFICIARY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES COVERED IN THE SCHEMES OF GENERALIZED PREFERENCES SHOULD BE ELIMINATED ON A NON-RECIPROCAL AND PREFERENTIAL BASIS.

2. REQUESTS THE PREFERENCE- GIVING COUNTRIES

(A) NOT TO ADOPT POLICY MEASURES WHICH WOULD MINIMIZE, NULLIFY OR IMPAIR THE BENEFITS OF THE GSP BUT TO ADOPT FURTHER IMPORT PROMOTIONAL MEASURES

(B) KEEP THE PRIVATE BUSINESS INTERESTS IN THEIR OWN COUNTRIES FULLY INFORMED OF THE POSITIVE ASPECTS OF THE SYSTEMS WHICH THE GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED HAVE INTRODUCED AND THE OBLIGATIONS UNDERTAKEN BY THEM AND ALSO ADVISE THEM TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT WHAT IS CONTAINED IN (A) ABOVE.

IX

1. INVITES THE BENEFICIARY COUNTRIES TO MAKE FULL USE OF THE SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE PROJECT, ESPECIALLY THOSE RELATING TO SHORT-TERM ADVISORY SERVICES, DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION ON GSP TO THE TRADE ADMINISTRATIONS AND BUSINESS COMMUNITIES, AND THE TRAINING OF OFFICIALS AND TRADERS THROUGH THE ORGANIZATION OF NATIONAL, REGIONAL AND INTER- REGIONAL SEMINARS.

2. REQUESTS THE SECGEN OF UNCTAD TO SUPPLY, ON A REGULAR AND CONTINUING BASIS AND AS PROMPTLY AS POSSIBLE, INFORMATION ON ANY CHANGES WHICH MIGHT BE INTRODUCED IN INDIVIDUAL PREFERENCE SCHEMES. TO THIS EFFECT THE PREFERENCE- GIVING COUNTRIES ARE REQUESTED TO PROVIDE PROMPTLY AND REGULARLY TO THE UNCTAD THE NECESSARY INFORMATION. SIMILARLY THE PREFERENCE- RECEIVING COUNTRIES ARE INVITED TO COMMUNICATE TO THE SECGEN OF UNCTAD ANY PARTICULAR PROBLEMS AND DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED BY THEM WITH RESPECT TO THE INDIVIDUAL PREFERENCE SCHEMES WHO WILL PROMPTLY BRING SUCH INFORMATION TO THE ATTENTION OF THE PREFERENCE- GIVING COUNTRIES CONCERNED.

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DECIDES TO CONVENE AD HOC INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONSULTATIONS ON SPECIFIC ASPECTS OF THE SYSTEM THAT REQUIRE URGENT CONSIDERATION, PARTICULARLY ON THE EFFECTS OF THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS OF THE SCHEMES ON GENERALIZED PREFERENCES. END QUOTERIMESTAD
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3. REQUESTS THE PREFERENCE GIVING COUNTRIES TO CONSIDER:

(A) PRODUCTS MANUFACTURED AND SEMI- MANUFACTURED IN ONE DEVELOPING COUNTRY FROM INPUTS IMPORTED FROM OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES;
AND

(B) INPUTS IMPORTED FROM A PARTICULAR PREFERENCE- GIVING COUNTRY FOR PROCESSING IN A DEVELOPING COUNTRY;
AS QUOTE ORIGINATING END QUOTE FROM A PREFERENCE RECEIVING COUNTRY.

IV

URGES THAT IN THE PROCESS OF THE HARMONIZATION OF THE SCHEMES OF THE UNITED KINGDOM, IRELAND AND DENMARK WITH THAT OF THE EEC, THE MOST BENEFICIAL ELEMENTS OF THE FOUR SCHEMES SHOULD BE RETAINED.

V

1. TAKES NOTE THAT THE QUESTION OF REVERSE PREFERENCES HAS NOT YET BEEN RESOLVED AS ADOPTED IN THE AGREED CONCLUSION 75 (S- LV) AND 1 C OF RESOLUTION 77 (III).
2. REITERATES THAT THE PROBLEM OF REVERSE PREFERENCES SHOULD BE RESOLVED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BETWEEN THE PARTIES DIRECTLY CONCERNED WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE SECGEN, IF SO REQUESTED, WITH A VIEW TO UNCLASSIFIED

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FINDING EARLY SOLUTIONS TAKING INTO ACCOUNT WHILE ARABS NOT NORMALLY CALLED FOR MILITARY SERVICE, IT WOULD BE WITHIN LAW FOR GOI TO LOOK INTO MR. MAKHLEH' S MILITARY STATUS AND REQUIRE HIM TO OBTAIN EXIT PERMIT FROM MINISTRY OF DEFENSE BEFORE DEPARTING ISRAEL.

4. WE DO NOT SEE HOW THIS EMBASSY COULD BE OF ANY ASSISTANCE TO MR. MAKHLEH, WHO APPARENTLY HAS VOLUNTARILY RETAINED HIS ISRAELI NATIONALITY.
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